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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the December 9, 2005 requirement to elect between species,  
Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species I. Claims 1 to 3, 5 to 11, 13 to 19, 21  
to 27 and 29 to 32 read on the elected species. This election is made without traverse.

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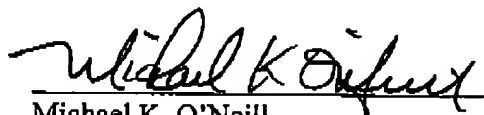
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